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**Subject:** RE: Martin Hestmark statements on Captain Jack Mill

Hello,

I am trying to get clarification on a statement EPA 8 assistant regional manager Martin Hestmark made on Monday.

He said that the EPA is piloting a new mine remediation program at Captain Jack Mill that may offer solutions to pollution in the Upper Animas Mining District.

I spoke with a Colorado University Boulder professor, Joe Ryan, who has extensive work experience related to the Captain Jack Mill, and he was not certain what Hestmark was referring to.

He said Hestmark may be thinking of a proposed project at the Big Five Tunnel, where EPA contractors would drill a hole into the mine and pump lime water into the acidic water trapped within to neutralize it.

Is this the project Hestmark is thinking of? Is it expected to begin soon, because the Superfund site doesn't say specifically.

Thanks,

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